

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on Friday, August 28, 2020.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCILMEN: Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Bobby Stewart, Chris Jones

ACTING CITY MANAGER: Gene McCullough

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

DEPUTY TREASURER: Shona Stermer

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith and others

OTHERS: Paul Rinkel, Brett Russell, Donnie Phipps, Toby Anders, Rhonda Williams, Dan Day, Judy Stewart, Johnny O'Conner, Clyde Morgan, Tyler Bridges, Robert Blakeburn, Bonne Hardaway, and others.

Landon Dixon from the Clinton church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Bobby Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 18, 2020
- B. Consider claims

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Jones that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS, WITH REPORTS FROM EXPERTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE STATUS OF COVID-19.

Dr. Robert Blakeburn, from The Blakeburn Clinic, and Superintendent Tyler Bridges, from the Clinton Public Schools, gave council facts to consider regarding COVID-19. Dr. Blakeburn informed of the continued elevated infection numbers in the community. Mr. Bridges informed of the adjustment to schedules, at the school, to keep everyone safe.

No action was taken

4B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON EXTERNAL AUDITOR LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING/ENGAGEMENT.

Britton, Kuykendall, and Miller, CPAs have been the City's external auditor for many years. At the end of the fiscal year, independent external auditors come in to complete the required annual audit of the financial statements.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman McComas that services be continued by Britton, Kuykendall, & Miller, CPAs and that the External Auditor Letter of Understanding/Engagement be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, McComas, Dowdell, Stewart, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4C. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CUSTER COUNTY.

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Jones that the Inter-Local Agreement be tabled at this time.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, Jones, Dowdell, McComas, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4D. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION.

Acting City Manager, Gene McCullough stated that Coates Field Services, representing Public Service Co of Oklahoma, has requested easements on the City's property. Also the amount the City will receive for the easement is \$2,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Stewart that the agreement with Coates Field Services, representing Public Service Co of Oklahoma and the payment of \$2,000.00 for the easement be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Stewart, Jones, McComas, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4E. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 912 PERTAINING TO CARES ACT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.

Acting City Manager stated that the Cares Act was established to help fund costs related to COVID-19. A resolution approved by Council must be passed confirming the presumption of public safety personnel costs related to COVID-19.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell that Resolution No. 912, confirming the presumption of public safety personnel costs related to COVID-19, be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4F. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ACCEPTING AWARD OF CDBG GRANT FOR PAC SYSTEM AT CLINTON LAKE PLANT PROJECT.

Johnny O'Conner with Inframark discussed the PAC Filter System at Clinton Lake Plant facility. He stated that the City needs to install a new PAC System due to the fact that previous PAC System was removed several years back.

Clyde Morgan with SWODA stated the City has been awarded the CDBG grant and it requires acceptance from the Council to proceed with the project and allows the City to receive the funds. Morgan also stated that the total cost of the PAC Filter System will cost the City approximately \$1,199,000.00 with grant funds of \$450,000.00 and City funds of \$749,000.00

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Jones that the City proceeds with the PAC Filter System Project at Clinton Lake Plant facility and accepts the CDBG grant of \$450,000.00.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4G. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT ON ADJOURNING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND ITS ATTORNEY CONCERNING A PENDING INVESTIGATION, CLAIM OR ACTION PURSUANT TO 25 OS 307 (B)(4)

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman McComas to enter into executive session pursuant to **25 Okla Stat s 307 (B)(4)**.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, McComas, Dowdell, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting in executive session at 6:48 p.m.

4H. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Jones that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4I. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5: COUNCIL REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman McComas and second by Councilman Dowdell to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.